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| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                       |  |                                                                                                 |  |
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.<br>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.<br>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).<br>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.<br>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).<br>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. <b>ATTACHMENT A</b><br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)<br>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). <b>ATTACHMENT B</b><br>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.<br>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.<br>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). <b>ATTACHMENT C</b><br>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).<br><b>Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b><br>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <b>ATTACHMENT D</b><br>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<br><b>ATTACHMENT E</b><br>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <b>ATTACHMENT F</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.<br>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<br>- Front page of PCT International Publication - <b>ATTACHMENT G</b><br>- English translation of Response filed October 20, 2004 (Note: Amendments are incorporated in the preliminary Amendment of Attachment F) - <b>ATTACHMENT H</b><br>- International Preliminary Examination Report (in Japanese) - <b>ATTACHMENT I</b> |  |                                                       |  |                                                                                                 |  |

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